M. GOLDSMITH. ESTABLISHED 1867. S. GOLDSMITH.

Goldsmith Bros.

REFINERS AND ASSAYERS.

BULLION BOUGHT AND SOLD.

63 & 65 WASHINGTON ST.

Chicago, 8/1 1892

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sirs:

We would like a little explanation in regard to enclosed Statement. We sent you three bars of silver melted from clean watch cases & spoons. Our loss in melting the silver was less than 5 oz. We cannot see how it could possibly be 19 oz more. There must be a mistake somewhere. A loss of 5 oz more might be probable, but a loss of 49 oz is impossible. We have been refining all our ~~(illegible)~~ silver, & merely sent this as a test lot

or have never had larger loss in melting than 1/2 of 1 o/o Kindly investigate the matter & early reply will oblige

Yours Truly

Goldsmith Bro

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Chicago - Ill.
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Complaint of
excessive loss
in Melting of
3 Silver Bars.

NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 177

[Abstract:] Complains of excessive loss in melting of 3 silver bars.

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Yours Truly,
Goldsmith Bros.

[Handwritten note at bottom:]

The bars were so base the melter had to Refine in the melting the bars in melting probably would not have exceeded 5 oz if the bars had been previously Refined, (as heretofor the Goldsmith Bros. have done). The excessive loss is due to Refining that was necessary in the Remelting.